POETRY.

MILKING-TIME. EY GEORGE COOPER.

WHEN shadows lengthen on the plain And leaves are scarlet in the sun; When cows are lowing in the lane, And coming homeward one by one; When mists are tangled in the trees That overhang the river's bank; And faimers chat and take their ease, And shining pails go "clink and clank:" That's milking-time,

When puss and Fido linger round, And run beside the dairy-maids; When circling swallows skim the ground, And on the eaves make sudden raids; When rosy girls a ditty sing, And squirrels hide in leafy home; And crosswise jets go "ping and ping," And pails are heaped with creamy foam: That's milking-time.

When little ones are tired with play. And in the corners blink and nod; When katydids are loud and gay, And wetted grows the chilly sod : When stars are few and faintly glow, And waking fireflies gather fast, Like drifted flakes of golden snow-It's hey for home : the hour is past For milking-time!

MISCELLANEOUS.

NED WHISTON'S SWEETHEART.

I. HEARTS AND TARTS. HAVE you never observed that certain shops seem to have been taken at a long lease by Failure, and underlet to unfortunate speculators, who struggle for a little while to establish a business, and then strongest magnifying glass, though ever hand-squeeze he took his departure. gined to his eye, failed to detect a customer, and no sound was ever heard in his shop but the tic-the tic douloureux-of his merchandise. Of course his affairs were soon wound up. Then a crinoline merment. It was now devoted to refresh with it? ments, but stomachie-puffs tempted the

"MY DEAR UNCLE WILLIAM .- Papa told me I was never to apply to you, because you had helped him refused to do so again, and you were indeed has been a very lame attempt, for there is no chance of the shop's keeping us. I disobey him now, because I do not know what else to do. I commission, or as an agent for insurance comnis letters being stopped, and helping people to trace him, that he may have done it. If the rent is months, not paid by Monday, I shall be turned out of the On reiouse, and then what am I to do? You see, dear Uncle William. I am obliged to write to you, because creditable than selling, or trying to sell, pastry, wouldn't it? It really is not my fault; I have tried my best, and dired on stale buns for days and days.

"Your affectionate niece, "ANNIE JOHNSTONE." She directed this letter to "William Johnstone, Esq., Joss House Villa, Southend," and laid it on the counter before her just as a customer came in-a very young man, with very shiny boots and hat, brilliant gloves, and a natty umbrella, who saluted on entering in a manner not customary amongst Englishmen, who generally remain covered in a shop, however attractive the mistress of it may be. "Good morning, Miss Johnstone," said

he, in an embarrassed way; "I have come for my luncheon.' If the youth looked embarrassed, the girl booked vexed. She colored over her forehead, and knit her brows strangely, considering how few customers she had, and how great was her need of them. Her reply, too, was as impolitic as the expression of her countenance, being an intima-

"O," he replied, "I never eat heavy luncheons: just a basin of soup and a glass

"I have no soup, and the sherry is out." "Well, now I think of it, I am tired of a pint bottle of Bass."

"O, well," he persisted, "it's of no con-

tle of ginger-beersalled for vehemence; "why do you not she went away quite well, as far as I could ment, brought her gout to such a climax go to one of them?"

"I-I like this best," he stammered.

my fault if I can't have things nice!" know what I am saying," cried the youth, as goes to church, compared to-" in great distress. "Well, if you must | have the truth, I do not come here for Ned your stale tarts, but because I fell in love with you through the window one day; and every time I have come here I have

what I won't do; there! hows on the counter over against Annie, I hold that it brings lack towho did not draw back; and thus the young people's heads were not separated | long did the gentleman stop?" by any very cruel distance.

"What nonsense," she murmured. my examination or not. That is sense, I she was crying."

hope." "But you are so young." "I'll bet I am older than you!"

"O, but that is nothing. And thenyou are a gentleman." "And so are you a lady," said the youth.

"O, I learned all about you from your pened. father. I saw him leaving this house one day, and a little while afterward I met him in a smoking-room and we happened to get into conversation. He told me how he had lost his property in unfortunate speculations—on the turf and otherwise and how, instead of sitting down helptried to earn a living so pluckily. And that made me love you still more.

shop, and had seen me?" "Why, no; I did not like to do that."

coloring with vexation. "Only a trifle—the veriest trifle." "And I cannot even repay that! You man in Europe, he considered it his duty see how hopeless and foolish an engage- to act conformably; so he dressed himself berry." ment between its would be."

"No, I don't." exultation. "I have nothing in the world way that his constitution and purse would be poured on the head fort, is a formidable army of laborers, me-

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father, did not turn up, and Mr. Johnstone, the royal resemblance which had been his the uncle, refused to receive his niece, bane, now proved his remedy, and, coupled me up and down that long pier. And he The young man then commenced trans-

Bedford square, held this unsatisfactory position in the world of trade. It had position in the world of trade. It had Finally, it occurre to Ned Whiston to the came to build a seau, in case I were to marry; and that home for himself on a small estate belong.

"You do me great honor, I am sure," sion broke out when he came to build a seau, in case I were to marry; and that did not look much like great anxiety on less——Besides, I have not the pleasure creditors came and removed the stores, hands drew a whistle of dismay from his Thames, and resulted in the model of the "No, dear; but his views have under- of knowing the lady; in fact, was not

nand-squeeze he took his departure.

Next day at 1:10 he reappeared, followed building could be used for nothing but the have you living in the house, "cried Annie, the way to the summer-house, his visitor by a man bearing a tray, which contained storing up of jams and pickles, the conoysters, stout, and slices of cold beef.

"Since it hurts your feelings to feed me of her life. with your wares, I have brought my own chant male an indelicate exhibition of luncheon," said Ned, when he and Annie whether with sugar or vinegar, I decline terests, so I refused to give him a definite feminine undergarments, without, howwere alone again. "There is double what to state—for fifteen years after marriage, answer while you were unsettled; not but introduce you to— Holloa!" ever, adding to the bustle of the establish- I can cat, I see; will you not help me out

I had always a better opinion of Ned passers-by as little as the dorsal had done; ginger-beer ruled flat, lemonade was a drug, buns were heavy, and poor Annie drug, buns were heavy, and buns w drug, buns were heavy, and poor Annie with a meal in this diplomatic manner; which are heavy, and poor Annie with a meal in this diplomatic manner; improved, but also because it was doubtful who have been somewhat extravagant in "Ned!" Johnstone found the problem of keeping and Annie, who was faint as well as anxi- whether the soil would stand a second youth, I thought a little stimulant to his whether the soil would stand a second youth, I thought a little stimulant to his ous, appreciated it too. It sounds shock- crop. He visited London only occasional- generosity would be beneficial. Hush! ton before?" no king or parliament can extirpate—more ingly unromantic to suppose that eating ly, and then his flag was pulled down. here he comes. Can anything be the matand drinking can have any connection Hoisting and lowering that flag was his ter?" little dingy counter writing a letter, with with the affections, yet there seems an inbut small change of a customer coming in with the affections, yet there seems an inmorning and evening amusement. On This possibility was suggested by Mr. when she disappeared from Dreary street but small chance of a customer coming in completeness about either the friendship royal birthdays and coronation days he Johnstone's face and manner, the former so mysteriously and suddenly, I was in to interfere with the work of composi-tion:

To interfere with the work of composi-or the love upon which the digestive fired twenty-one small cannon, going from being bewildered, the latter horrid and ex-

I do not deny that the more ethereal kiss may be the correct sigilium amoris, but spleased because we tried to keep a shop, which every corner of the shop was visible from in being occasionally bored, and enter. Something the matter? Indeed there derstand." have not seen or heard of papa for five days, and sent, Annie was far too correct a young him. But the years passed away; George once more to the straits which had driven Well, I expect you do not want the paste, not worth a shilling a peck. Well, I expect you do not want the paste, not worth a shifting may have happened to lady to think of such a thing, and, indeed, the Fourth became the prey of worms him into permanent matrimony thirty whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, whole story over again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, and the paste again, so we may omit the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, and the paste again, and the paste, not worth a shifting also on the flesh of the body of the skin, and the paste again, and because of creditors; for he has not been much more successful in getting to sell coal or wine on at an invitation of the kind being welcome. Master Ned had not the impudence to hint So they ratified their engagement with oversters and parter seated opposite to each out that they have discovered something ton, who was doing a respectable and yearthe hinted to me that he might go abroad, but I hardly think he would have done that without letoysters and porter seated opposite to each other at a little round marble topped table; other at a little round marble topped table; one about with ten yards of table-cloth of the peaches came in; a nice sum out to be a fraudulent mare's nest, out that they have discovered something ton, who was doing a role of the pounds each.

It is the peaches came in; a nice sum of the peaches came in the peaches ca

> On returning so late to the office the day before, Ned Whiston had been subjected same hour on the morrow.

deeds. That was on the Thursday, and he aid not get back till Saturday night; and of town, with observant relatives, he could not get away on the Sunday without exciting awkward curiosity; so that it was not till luncheon time on Monday that he entered Dreary street with a throbbing heart. The shutters were up at No. 10. dead? No, no, impossible. Her father, him drop t bell-handle without ringing, formation. There was a brush shop immediately opposite, and the portly dame who

sequence. Here is some pastry, and I am Ned; "but I have got to take a sort of like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. As of one wink to two minutes; but his very fond of pastry; and that, with a bot. interest, and so seeing the shop shut up—" Annie was very young and quiet in man-slumbers now were strangely disturbed. The girl, who had been constraining in and sit down. Lor! I've been a young overawe her, but soon finding that she ings, to the excitement of Annie's curiosherself with difficulty, now broke out, girl myself, and I remember hearing how had met her match, her emotions became ity, invariably formed some part of the "You can get a good luncheon at a dozen Jim was took when he first heard I had too much for her, and, combined perhaps words "Advantageous compromise!" places close by!" she exclaimed with un. the measles. No, it's nothing of that sort ; with an injudicious amount of nourish-

see, only crying. "She has gone away, then?" "Your pastry, though not, perhaps, quite what you might cail new, seems to agree what you might cail new, seems to agree what you might cail new, seems to agree gentleman, not her father, came in a cab upon her uncle; it resuscitated all his work, the advance of the year being with me better; or I mean, you know—"
"You come here out of charity!" cried the girl, bursting into tears. "You think I am poor and want custom and so you."

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I am as to the end of a life as long as Mr. George Livermore's, and as successful. And then took his leave. Daniel sent his farmers' club, at Tamworth, with two iron in the place of the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in a cab hankerings after a second marriage. For shown by a basket of apricots which stood in the straw duly hon house, why, he reasoned with himself, Johnstone set near them in a cab hankerings after a second marriage. For shown by a basket of apricots which stood in the straw duly hon house, why, he reasoned with himself, Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries are the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries are the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries are the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries are the strawberries. Mr. Johnstone set near them in the place of the strawberries are th I am poor and want custom, and so you my room looks out on the street, and I was should it not be a wife? So a flirtation tion. At intervals, indeed, he would tilt come here and try to eat—stuff; and I am before the glass putting on my bonnet for which had been budding between Mr. his chair forward to bring his hand in sure you go where you can get proper church. My husband used to go to chapel, Johnstone and Miss Plumptree, of Southfood afterward somewhere else. It is not and, I believe, prefers it now, only I won't end, for the last three years, began to was devouring a choleraic quantity; but put up with nothing so vulgar. What throw out decided shoots. It was not so he seemed to do so mechanically, as if he gentlefolks do you see at chapel? I say to very absurd. Mr. Johnstone was a little did not onite know what he was about. O, for goodness' sake !-O, don't cry! gentlefolks do you see at chapel? I say to very absurd. Mr. Johnstone was a little did not quite know what he was about; O, my pretty-I mean to say, I don't him. Why, look at the carriage company over sixty, and Miss Plumptree was a little

promise to marry me, I'll-I don't know ural, because of the crow's feet; no man he had only met her occasionally before but only left off crying, and looked down and as I felt a sort of intrest in that Miss Annie.

"Till 12 o'clock, keeping the cab wait-

"It may be nonsense to expect you will er to have paid the first off, and taken an- fruit stood on the table between them, and settle the matter that way." ever love me," replied the youth; "but it other. And then he came out followed by with which, needle-work, and confidential is serious earnest that I have not been able Miss Johnstone, who had a box, which to get you out of my head all this month | the cabman took and put on the roof; and unpleasantly. try what I would; and all my friends are a bandbox and umbrella, which she took wondering what is the matter with me. | inside with her. But first she locked the If I have not the chance of getting you house-door, and took the key out, and as for my wife, I do not care whether I pass | she turned to get into the cab, I saw that

That was all the information Ned Whis ton could get at the time; but when he revisited the spot later in the day, he found a weazened man with a very sour expression on his face coming out of No. 10, and asked him if he knew what had hap-

"Yes," replied the man, "the father's what has happened.'

lessly, as so many young ladies who have Pavilion at Brighton as an architectural your wishes.' been brought up in luxury would do, you model, and if that is the case, I must request you to dispel the false idea, for Joss House Villa, near S. hend, was a repro- was so young, and not in a position to and would prefer settling the matter propriate would be: Silver and gold have "Did you tell my father you knew the duction in miniature of that remarkable marry for ever so long; and the acquaintedifice. When Mr. William Johnstone anceship was so short; and his friends litigation. was a young man and a nominal barrister, would be sure to disapprove; so that alto-"Why?-Ah! I know the reason; he it was considered that he bore some resem- gether, perhaps, it is better as it is." borrowed money of you!" cried Annie, blance in face and figure to the Prince Regent; and, since nature had molded him after the fashion of the first gentlehideously, attended prize-fights and cock. Annie recovered her equilibrium, and it, he may take it as an acknowledgment London; before him the said Penrose was persons, 160,000 who scarcely enjoy an beasts passed through the streets, and very to light his lonely way. He took the raihond persons, 160,000 who scarcely enjoy an beasts passed through the streets, and very to light his lonely way. pits, intrigued, played high, got frequently turned the subject. "I can't think what of weakness, and become confirmed in the brought, and he adjudged that the peccant leasy competence; then a floating popula- naturally all hands in the store rushed to "I have nothing in the world, and no intoxicated, stuffed his head with a pro- has happened to Uncle William," she said; strength of the case; or, he may find a vintner should drink a farge draught of tion of 100,000 foreigners and provincials, witness the spectacle. A thief saw his with agreeable thoughts of the tair one he had just digions quantity of scented shuff, and im- "he does take such a funny interest in how weapon in some sentence of your letter the same wine which he sold to the com- making in all 300,000 who spend freely. opportunity, and entered in a rear door to

lunch every other day was caused by a age, and whose temper was therefore nat- fluence may have something to do with it. him. peculiar objection to receive charity from urally soured by the persistency with The plain truth is, my dear, that he wants him, which would not have occurred to her in the case of any other human being. wedding tour would mistake them for "No!" cried Annie, with a jump. "But idea. Smith, Brown, Jones, or Robinson might have killed themselves with bad pic-crust, and while wondering at their taste, she tung his domestic arrangements to those provided for in his will, I must not look look at his watch, and the position of the ing to his wife near the mouth of the the subject." lips. "Nearly three!" he cried; "and Pavilion alluded to; a style of architec- gone a change. The fact is that he does aware you had a niece." of tallow and molasses. A watchmaker Jenkins is waiting for my return to go ture which suited Mrs. Johnstone also and get his dinner." And with a hurried | well enough, as, in addition to the associa-

> husband in a position to set up a grocery, panion, of course, but it does not do to be had he been so minded. He was not; selfish; and as your uncle is inclined to out: "Annie, my Annie, is it possible!" was quite a sight. Otherwise he vegetat- Joss House with an open letter in his sensation column of the Times, not by ed, and differed from a turnip principally hand.

felt as if they had been acquainted for his shoulder-blades, without causing the enough to tempt fresh flocks of gulls- remainder of the property secured to 1824. He broke prairie on week days, the old times, and hugged the old resem- Mrs. Johnstone had by rights only a life- left one. to troublesome questioning as to what he had been doing with himself all the time; blance; so he still had his wig made up in the way of earning my living somehow, I must had been doing with himself all the time; blance; so he still had his wig made up in the exact imitation of the ex-dandy's hair, and having thereupon discovered the per-

> But on the following morning he was sent off to Chester with certain important sent off to Chester with certain important He owed him no grudge for having which was a disappointment for the grubthe small landed estate which had been in | the evidence he had lit upon, his time was | bride. as he lived at home, some fifteen miles out the family for a respectable number of not entirely thrown away.

a good-natured look about her, so he ed for his conquest of habit and indolence tion.

erossed the road, and asked her if she by being released from the thrall of his So Mr. Johnstone took to walking for

thing, I thought, going there most days the circumstances of the case been neces-"I cannot give you those either," said the last month or more!" And she seemed sarily conceived and executed very suddenly, and upon whom this niece of her

that she could not even play at doing her

work, and had to retire. "What aged gentleman?" interrupted and had calm and sober leanings toward matrimony. Miss Plumptree was not only "Well, middleaged, or, as he was got up forty, but fair and fat-just such a figure A fine man, though tall and stoutish, with | would have admired; and this fact tended

"And so you have never heard of him | since?" said Miss Plumptree. "Never," replied Annie."

"Just like all the men, dear; 'Out of ight, out of mind." I do not see how he could have found me ment fifteen feet by thirteen, where he

out, if he tried ever so hard, I left so sud- found a young man. denly, so mysteriously." he had been his great-grandfather, he visitor to the card he held in his hand.

"Hum," said Miss Plumptree.

"And do you love him still, dear?" when I had no one else, and-

In the course of further parley, it trans- termined to retire into the country with a minutes together; and then he walks and see if you are inclined to meet me of London forever.

pired that the young man's name was Ed- rich wife. Dissolute men are very fond round me gravely as if I were a horse; in- half-way. Of course, you will commit ward Whiston; that he was articled to a of falling back upon this latter plan for deed, I expect him to say, 'Come up; tuck, yourself to nothing without consulting solicitor, and had just served his time; retrieving their broken fortunes, but tuck; come over!' every moment, or to your solicitor.' also, that he had gained applause in private theatricals, and had an idea that his real vocation was the stage—an evithese prudent little arrangements. Mr. I am no great friend to litigation my done, or my dress cut according to the fashion plates he scolds me. And then he can show me that your claim is really a THE Unitatians dent resource in case Mr. Johnstone, the Johnstone, however, was more fortunate; takes me over to Southend whenever he good one, I am ready to listen to what

that her distress at seing Mr. Edward widow, who was not, as scandal report- "I think I can give a guess," said Miss he told him that he had sooner the first Whiston (well N-ned) come in for a bad ed, quite double her second husband's Plumptree; "in fact, I expect that my in-sketch of a compromise should come from

your humble servant the honor to wish-" enthusiastically.

coction of which articles was the delight "Well, dear," continued Miss. Plump- plexity. tree, "it seemed to me that the opportuniand then she turned to mould, leaving her | what I would sooner have you for a com-

years; but when he disgraced the nam , This was the startling information which twenty-one guns," replied her husband. by a succession of petty tricks and con- was conveyed to Mr. Johnstone in the And he did. - Chambers' Journal. trivances for raising a few pounds, and hard, sharp words of a lawyer's letter, and especially when he tried to make a milch | which he now communicated in his discow of him, he quarreled with him. His tress to Miss Plumptree and Annie. They enmity dissolved, however, in the news of cheered him with sanguine speeches; and

and might lave committed suicide. The idea of discharge the defendant, and the idea of discharge the defendant in the defendan idea of die bing a recent sorrow made I do not want to adopt all your creditors." I there really seemed to be something in there really seemed to be something in there really seemed to be something in the claim which was set up, but that it amount at stake in the suit was from sixty the claim which was set up, but that it like the could lie down on the track. It had been a struggle to Mr. Johnstone | would take a deal of legislation to prove | to seventy thousand dollars. He presented | bits" that he could lie down on the track- just now written for the Historical Society and look rot 1 for a likely place for into break up the ordinary routine of his it, and so far as he could see, it was odds all the important points, and Mr. Webster bed and let the train pass over him, and of Massachusetts. There was a young all the important points, and Mr. Webster bed and let the train pass over him, and of Massachusetts. There was a young all the important points, and Mr. Webster bed and let the train pass over him, and of Massachusetts. kept it was standing in the doorway, eyeing him with a certain curiosity. She had tion that she was afraid she had nothing | kept n was standing in the doorway, eye ing him with a certain curiosity. She had to do the right thing, and he was reward- might be as well to take it into considera-

housekeeper, a tyrannical, stupid, pilfer- hours about the garden of Joss House "Lor!" exclaimed the woman; "and I ing, tipling dame, to whom he had not Villa with his eyes bent on his toes, and who thought you would perhaps tell me; dared to mention his intentions with re- his hands closed behind his back, lost in soup: I had sooner have a sandwich and sure you were a friend or relative, or some- spect to Annie, which, indeed, had from thought, and muttering at interval-, "Ad-

He was accustomed to spread a sill "I only went as a-a customer," said master's (term of courtesy) burst therefore dinner, and take forty winks-at the rate pocket-handkerchief over his head after "I see, I see; you look quite pale; come ner, Mrs. Gobble hoped at first, indeed, to He would turn and mutter, and his muter-

> III. THE ADVANTAGEOUS COMPROMISE. Miss Plumptree and Annie Johnstone sat in the same queer summer-house overrange of the mellow fruit, of which he and, indeed, while his palate was engaged over forty. Both were comfortably off, with the apricots, his mind was absorbed in contemplation of his position.

"That fine, that remarkably fine woyouthful, perhaps we might say elderly. as the monarch of Mr. Johnstone's soul ed admiringly on Miss Plumptree, "will man," he said to himself, as his eyes restnot marry me until that girl is off my fallen more and more in love with you; a light-brown wig, and whiskers dyed to greatly to feed the mature flame. Then hands, which is less likely to happen than and if you will not love me back, and match. Wig and dye I know are not nat- there was increased intimacy, for whereas ever, now that it is doubtful if I can give ever had such crow's feet as them without his niece came to live with him, he now if these fellows really manage to take Webster." Seeing that his fair charmer did not give any signs of being further offended, into the house, leaving the cab waiting; having sprung up between her and into the house, leaving the cab waiting; having sprung up between her and ing what lawyers may not do in that way. ing what lawyers may not do in that wayit will be an extra reason why I should in confusion, the youth took courage, Jhonstone, poor thing, her father being They were sitting together now in a marry a woman with a nice competence to dropped his gloves into his hat, and his hat such a regular bad un, I waited too, and willow pattern summer house, on the make up. I wonder how George the gentleman, who couldn't see the propriety leyan Missionary Society, \$750,000. on a little round table, and leaned his el- gave up my church for once; not but what brink of a small pond, the lair of a dragon Fourth would have acted under similar who was supposed to spout, but who fol- circumstances? But bah! how could he were never to be rendered. "Exactly; I agree with you. And how lowed the example of many gentlemen possibly have been placed in them? When who are elected into a certain House for a a king has his property taken from him, similar purpose, and didn't. It was in the he does not go to law; he fights, or rather, ing; which would have been much cheap- strawberry season, and a fine dish of the other people fight, which is better still, His meditations were interrupted by a

chat, they were beguiling the morning not servant bearing a card, who told him that a gentleman wished to see him. "Where have you shown him?"

"Into the grand music-hall," replied the Too much flurried to say a word to either of the ladies, Mr. Johnstone Nay, I do not blame him, poor fellow. hastened to the grand music-hall, an apart-

"The-ah!-the claimant, I believe?"

"A very unprofessional view of the case, Magazine. I own, but I beg you to believe that I

a state of affairs which would render an immediate marriage prudent. Annie did not quite see the logic of this, but owned with an insinuation that perhaps there is always on the lookout for concerts or lating the case from jargon into English; on the logic of this, but owned much for the loyal heart of a drysalter's Can you explain it?" pretty clear idea of it in all its bearings, 000

> to \$300,000. "Are you married?" cried Mr. Johnstone, his eyes brightening with a sudden

"Then, by George!" slapping his thigh,

"O, you shall soon know her," cried "O, and you will take him, won't you? Mr. Johnstone; "she is in the garden. following him with a face of comic per-

"Marry another; perhaps afterwards to She managed to preserve herself — ty was a good one for advancing your in-whether with sugar or vinegar, I decline terests, so I refused to give him a definite "Annie," said Mr. Johnstone, "let me

No wonder he, as well as Miss Plump-

"Why, Annie, have you met Mr. Whis-"Yes, uncle."

name, of course, but so that she might un-

the street, and as for asking her lover into taining vague wishes that some eligible was; nothing less than a threat of losing was the back parlor while her fether was in the back parlor while her fether was in the second day, and that nine out of ten of the so-called sets of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the so-called sets of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the so-called sets of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the so-called sets of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day, and that nine out of ten of the second day is not not necessarily the second day. the back parlor while her father was absent Annie was far too correct a young was fa and satirists; a generation sprang up years before. One of those Doctors' the rest of the conversation. Everything exhibited some sweet potatoes at the Fair, fusive books, difficult because diffusive, of a perfect picture of the robin, even to which knew little of that model gentle- Commons grubbers, who live by holding was arranged satisfactorily. Ned Whis- ten of which weighed thirty pounds, and which it is well to write close digests, if the fine fringes of the feathers of its round his neck, and coat buttons between but every now and then - just often was paid down on their marriage, and the first sermon ever delivered in Iowa, in very sheep to bas at him. He modified his proves to be a discovery of real impor- them on Mr. Johnstone's death, subject to and took the Lord's field on Sunday, apparel, therefore; but his heart clung to tance-had fished up evidence that the late an annuity to be paid to his widow, if he among the early settlers.

so he took care to leave early to day, an- still adopted his favorite attitudes, still son who, under such circumstances, would stone and Miss Plumptree were quietly nouncing his intention of returning at the took scented snuff. With his elder be the claimant, he had put himself into tied together; and the first thing the forand only brother he had not, of communication with him. Said claimant mer did, after returning to Joss House

been born first; he forgave him for selling ber; but as there was really something in | "What are about, dear?" inquired his "I am going to fire a wedding salute-

Webster's Retaining Fee. ONE day a gentleman from New Bed-Poor Ned felt for a moment as if his heart and lungs had struck work. Was she lead a struck work. Was she lead to Jersey, and he hurried to London at he started for London to seek an interperhaps; be had disappeared suddenly, and might have committed suicide. The glad to adopt you my dear," he said what

> "Very well," said Webster, "if you tee Indians in the northwest corner of Newish to retain me for the defence in this braska, to the ministry of the Episcopal suit, I will hold myself in readiness, and Church. They will be employed as miswill not engage for the plaintiff."

The gentleman asked what the retaining fee would be.

"A thousand dollars." " A thousand dollars?" "See what I engage to do, sir. I not only hold myself at your command-perhaps for a month or more-but I debar myself from accepting any offer, no matter | supply every man, we and half | how large, from the plaintiff The applicant filled out a check for one gallons of water per day for a year.

can compromise this business, upon fair of eight on the plant, and it is estimated that was in the lives of such men. terms, with the plaintiff, you had better that the entire plant could uphold a weight I need not ask you to look forward so

On the very next day the gentleman from New Bedford called upon Mr. Webster again. The plaintiff was in Bostonhad come up on the previous day on pur- do make the weeds grow."

"In short," said the client, "we have made a fair and satisfactory settlement." Mr. Webster was very glad; and having so expressed himself, and duly congratulated his visitor, he would have turned to other business; but the visitor seemed to have something further on his mind-

"Of course," he ventured, after a pause,

"Certainly not, sir." dollars I paid you?" faintly queried the sionary Society, \$555,000; and the Wes- is to know how to make Shakspeare and tain rat, the Neotoma cinerea of Beard, also of paying such a sum for services which bland smile, "you don't seem to under- killed, he obtained an insurance on his such society at hand, as I write these tail adds about as much more to its length. stand. It is very simple. That was a re- life for five thousand dollars, for which he, words, except by such magic.

taining fee, called, in law, a retainer. By not having the money by him at the time, virtue of the contract I, also, became a gave his note. He put the policy in his How Some of Our Merchants have Risen. retainer. What should I retain, if not my | pocket, where, after his death, a few hours

And the gentleman from New Pedford went away thoroughly instructed in the legal signification of "a retainer,"

An Incident in the Early History of Greenbacks.

Texts of Scripture have often been in-

scribed upon coins. One of the most remarkable is on a copper coin issued by the papal government, on which are the "O, well," sighed Miss Plumptree, "if said Mr. Johnstone, glancing from his words, Va vobis divitibus-" Woe to you who are rich!" When the greenbacks and Episcopal Church recently held its twinkle in the boy's eyes which made the would have discovered you somehow; but "Yes," replied the other. "The course were first issued by the United States, Mr. annual meeting in New York. Two young men are not what they were; they which I have taken in calling upon you Chase, then Secretary of the Treasury, hundred and eleven clergymen are endrowned, and the daughter's hooked it, are so selfish, so listless, everything is too personally, may seem somewhat strange, esconsulted, among others, the president of consulted, among others, the consulted, among others, the consulted, among others, the consulted much trouble to them. And you never hinted anything about it to your uncle?"

"O, no," said Annie; "besides he does of the Philadelphia banks in regard to placing some motto upon them—such, among others, the president of the wasn't bigger than a pint of cider."

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"O, no," said Annie; "besides he does ity of a compromise; and the bound of the possibility of the possibi "O, no," said Annie; "besides he does ity of a compromise; and to tell for example, as has since been impressed for 1869, were \$127,710. The report of You are probably under the impression not take hints; you must speak out that no one has ever yet adopted the plainly if you want him to understand that no one has ever yet adopted the plainly if you want him to understand the information trust." After mentioning several scription in the five-cent pieces—"In God we in possession so long, and the information trust." After mentioning several scription in the five-cent pieces—"In God we in possession force to be thirty-seven. which enables me to contest your rights tural texts that had occurred to him, the has come from so disreputable a quarter, Secretary asked our banker's opinion. "And then," continued Annie, "he that I am rather ashamed of my position, "Perhaps," was the reply, "the most ap-The project was abandoned. - Lippincott's

should have no such scruples it I were IT is historically on record that in the "I think I do; he was kind, you see, acting for a client. It is a delicate matter, reign of Edward III. a certain London when I had no one else, and—"

however, to make the first approaches wine merchant, by name John Penrose, towards a compromise in writing, because, was convicted of selling unsound wine. if your opponent is unwilling to entertain Adam de Bury was then Lord Mayor of capital counts only 25,000 really wealthy few weeks elapsed before a show of wild insmorata gave him a red paper lantern with widch "No more have I " cried the lad, with some sentence of your letter the same wine which he sold to the com- making in all 300,000 who spend treety the same wine which he sold to the com- making in all 300,000 who spend treety the same wine which he sold to the com- making in all 300,000 who spend treety the same wine which he sold to the com- making in all 300,000 who spend treety. Opportunity, and emerge the Changes the Ch and I have no expectations. Why, we allow. By the time he was 30, however, looking critically at me with his hands on were ordained for each other."

| Such wine should be pointed on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and that he should for count of that red light. And, looking behind the fashions of the same John, and that he should for count of that red light. And, looking behind the fashions of the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you both began to give out, so he wisely dependent on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you both began to give out, so he wisely dependent on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you both began to give out, so he wisely dependent on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you both began to give out, so he wisely dependent on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you both began to give out, so he wisely dependent on the last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you be last two hours on at looking critically at me with his hands on only a very young one, and call upon you of the same looking my train to the last two hours on at looking the last two hour both began to give out, so he wisely de one side, and his eyes screwed up, for personally to talk the matter over quietly, swear the calling of a vintner in the city would lack the necessaries of life, if work captured. Not only was a robbery prewere to fail them only a single month.

FACTS AND FIGURES. YOUTHS' DEPARTMEN

MARK TWAIN is 36 years old. MAINE boasts of 49,000 discharged sol

It was such a little thing-THE Unitarians have 315 societies and 388 ministers in the United States. THE Prussian Bible Society has distrib uted three million Bibles since 1814. HELENA, Montana, claims 2,500 inhab

itants, and an annual business of \$1,000, It was but a little sip. THE wife of a mail clerk in the Louisville Courier-Journal office has fallen heir In its forty-seven years of existence the

Yale Theological School has sent out 320 Soul and body both destroys. clergymen. Prussian distilleries last year consumed 6,750,000 bushels of grain and nearly 40,-000,000 bushels of potatoes.

nually fully 1,500,000 sheep; Boston Soon his lips, once fresh and fair, about 500,000; and other cities in propor-It was but one little blow. Passion's sudden overflow, Scarcely heeded in its fall; PROF BEHM, one of the most eminent men of Berlin, died recently of a slight But, once loosed, the fiery soul

wound on the finger, inflicted while he was Laws it spurned, defied them all, Till the hands, love clasped in vain, Wore the murderer's crimson stain, dissecting. THE mail carriers at Cleveland delivcred, during the month of September,

175,050 mail letters, 11,804 local ones, and 63,196 newspapers. VERMONT is the only State that was unrepresented at the session of the United States Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows at San

Francisco.

THE city of New York consumes an-

municants in Iowa. Ex-President Pierce's estate is esti- Rev. Edward Everett Hale says: mated at \$1,000,000, the bulk of which will probably go to a nephew, who is being educated at Princeton College.

day, the visits of between two and three hundred persons who desire to consult him personally.

4.778,700 pounds. The average weight of ing them. Do not "gobble" them up so the 36,000 was 133 pounds. 170,456 marriages there were 97,159, con- What I advise seems slow to you siderably more than one-half the whole but if you will, any of you, make or find

bridegroom could either read or write!

of the Vincennes, Ind., Times four ears of corn weighing seven pounds. Each ear boy or girl wants really to know what contained 22 rows, each row 55 grains of comes of such reading, I wish he would

existence by establishing his niece as mis- on the man in possession eventually win- was willing to undertake the task. But the train did, though the boy was minus man, who when he was a boy in a store BISHOP CLARKSON has ordained three Sansionaries among their own people, of

whom more than three hundred are communicants in the church. THE Troy Whig has made a calculation from which it appears that enough rain fell in Rensselaer and Albany counties in two days during the recent heavy storm to supply every man, woman and child upon

thousand dollars, and gave it to the Great | Experiments made in the Botanic Gar- the iron enters a man's blood." And they sometimes clapping their little hands and den, London, showed that a leaf of the were books by sixteen of the men who "And now, sir," said Daniel, after he "Victoria Regia" would support four have been leaders of the world. No bad had put the check into his pocket, "I will hundred and twenty-six pounds before it thing, dear Stephen, to have in your blood Story appeared, dressed as the 'Pied Pigive you a bit of advice gratis. If you sank. The leaf selected was the lightest and brain and bone, the vitalizing element

> of a ton and a half. far as to the end of a life as long as Mr. mould-boards were again at work. "Sir," said a member of the club, "we tried the work steadily on that little subject for a iron, and we be all of one mind that they fortnight, will at the end of the fortnight

MADAME X., an avaricious dame of Paris, not long since, had an oak staircase torn down, a segment of solid wall ruined, a cavern excavated beneath the floor, and spent finally \$50, to get a fivefranc piece which her careless grandchild had dropped into a chink-and didn't find

it after all. something that made him restive and THE English are very liberal in their support of Christian missions. The fol lowing are the receipts of some of their women. But books rightly used are soci-"I shall not require your services, Mr. missionary societies: The Church Mis- ety. Good books are the best society: sionary Society received last year \$785, better than is possible without them, in 000; the Society for the Propagation of any one place, or in any one time. To "And-and-how about the thousand the Gospel, \$572,000; the London Mis- know how to use them wisely and well, the Rocky Mountains is the Rocky Mountains

later, it was found. dead it will be perfectly opaque.

sumes, adds about £100, or \$500 in gold presently discovered his youthful prosaid Robert Coningsby, "over £1,000,000 you to work nights," "I know you did the potato. - Central City, Col., Register. per day drop into the American exchequer | not tell me so, but I thought I might as from this one item of human machinery | well be doing something." In the mornduring several months of each year," In Paris, of 2.000,000 inhabitants, the boy's wages, for he is willing." Only a kingston went to see his girl the other highly and when he started for home, the night being dark, his

THE BEGINNING OF EVIL.

One slight twist of crimson string, But it was stealing all the same: And the child who took it know That she told what was not true. Just to screen herself from blame First a theft and then a lie-Both recorded up on high.

Just a taste upon the lip;
But it left a longing there; Then the measure larger grew, And the habit strengthened, too, Till it would no curbing bear; So the demon Drink decoys;

It was but one little word: Softly spoken, scarcely heard, Uttered by a single breath; But it dared to take in vain God's most high and holy name; So provoking wrath and death,

Opened but to curse and swear. Would no longer brook control;

Ah! it is the foxes small. Slyly climbing o'er the wall, That destroy the tender vines: And it is the spark of fire, Brightening, growing, carling higher, That across the forest shines, Just so, step by step, does sin, If unchecked, a triumph win.

How to Read. In an article on "How to Read" in the October number of Our Young Folks, the Whether to copy much from books or on the left side, and found the dead body not? That is a question,-and the an- of the robin lying upon the right or upper swer is,-"That depends." If you have side of the sheep. Capt. Ressley ordered An English servant boy pretended to but few books, and much time and paper have murdered his master for the sake of and ink! and if you are likely to have one to another with a red-hot poker, which cited, as he came towards them from his where; I have advertised for her in the making a sensation, and would have been fewer books, why, nothing is nicer and came to the spot on the right, and which hanged had not science proved him to be better than to make for use in later life was the upper side, where the body of the good extract-books to your own taste, and robin had fallen and where we had found A New York jeweler gives his opinion for your own purposes. But if you own it, they noticed a strange appearance, and spent in copying would probably be better side of the skin of the sheep and read John Locke, for instance, we had to make abstracts, and we used to stint ourselves to a line for one of his chatty sections. That was good practice for writing, formed was not that of a dead bird lying and we remember what was in the sections to this hour. If you copy, make a first-rate index to your extracts. They sell books sitting on the limb of the tree above the NELATON, the famous French surgeon, prepared for the purpose, but you may sheep. This circumstance at the time often receives, in the course of a single just as well make your own.

> You see I am not contemplating any very rapid or slap-dash work. You may put that on your novels, or books of amuse-During the Mechanics' Exhibition at | ment if you choose, and I will not be very | Boston more than 36,000 individuals were cross about it; but for the books of imweighed, whose aggregate weight was provement, I want you to improve by read-In 1867 Italian statistics show out of whether you have read them or not, number, in which neither the bride nor two hours a day to read in this fashion, you will be one day accomplished men or women. Very few professional men, A GENTLEMAN recently left at the office known to me, get so much time as that for careful and systematic reading. If any read the life of my friend George Liverbegan his systematic reading. He never left active and laborious business; but when he died, he was one of the accomplished historical scholars of America. He had no superior in his special lines of leader among men who had given their

lives to scholarship. I have not room to copy it here, but Frederick Robertson's, near the end of the Hans Andersen looked like a great stork speaks of this very matter. He says he books with his tutors. But he read them lightful fairy tales. The children listened so that they became a part of himself, "as

tail and in a well-provided library wil probably know more of that detail than anybody in the country knows. If you will study by subjects for the truth, you ground is soon very nearly all your own. I do not pretend that books are everything. I may have occasion some day to then I shall say some very hard things about people who keep their books so close before their eyes that they cannot see God's world, nor their fellow-men and

A few years ago, a large drug firm THE Marquis D'Orches offered a prize this city advertised for a boy. Next day not stop to consider whether what he of 20,000 francs to any person who would the store was thronged with applicants, discover a practical and cheap method of among them a queer-looking little fellow determining actual death. This prize has accompanied by a woman, who proved to been gained by Dr. Caniere. His method be his aunt, in lieu of faithless parents, by return manure, and all sorts of olal. Its is to place the hand of the subject before a | whom he had been abandoned. Looking light in a darkened room; if the subject is at this little waif, the merchant in the not dead the light will make the hand store promptly said: "Can't take him; semi-translucent with a rosy hue; but if places all full; besides he is too small." "I casion J. Alden Smith, of this office, says know he is small," said the woman, "but he is willing and faithful." There was a county, half a keg of nails, containing not see what they wanted of such a boy __ themselves. The same animals night after work. A few days later a call was made than this was performed in the house of on the boys in the store for some one to Mr. Hale on Tuesday night. On going to the little fellow contrasted well with the reau. In the morning the teeth were gone An ingenious calculation has been made reluctance of others. In the middle of and a raw potato left in their place. in England, that an average human being, the night the merchant looked in to After a long search, tearing off the weather

ing the cashier got orders to "double that | Evening Journal says a young gentleman living in vented, but valuable articles taken from the engineer who had disturbed his meditations.

other stores were recovered. When asked by the merchant why he staid behind to watch when all others quit their work, the reply was, "You told me never to leave the store when others were absent, and I thought I'd stay." Orders were immediately given once more: "Double that boy's wages; he is willing and faithful." To-day that boy is getting a salary of \$2,500, and next January will become a member of the firm.—N. Y. Republic.

Bruce and Brave.

ONE fine day a fine Newfoundland dog and mastiff had a sharp discussion over a bone, or some other triffing matter, and warred away as angrily as two boys. They were fighting on a bridge, and being blind with rage, as is often the case, the first thing they knew, over they went into the water. The banks were so high that they were forced to swim some distance before they came to a landing place. It was very easy for the Newfoundlander-he was as much at home in the water as a seal. But not so with poor Bruce. He struggled and tried his best to swim, but made littl headway. Old Bravo (the Newfoundlander) had reached the land and then turned to look at his old enemy. He saw plainly that his strength was fast failing and that he was likely to be drowned. So what should that noble fellow do but plunge in, and seize him gently by the

collar, and keeping his nose above water tow him safely into port. It was funny to see those two dogs look at each other as soon as they shook their wet coats. Their glances said as plainly as words "We'll never quarrel any more!" And, sure enough, they kept their resolution. I think some boys might learn a good lesson from this old New-

foundland dog.—Presbyterian. laghtning as a Photographer.

A CORRESPONDENT of the Scientific American tells this marvelous, but not unparalleled, story of marks produced by ightning during a thunder storm in Washington county, Md.: In an open let near the residence of the late Capt, John Ressley, about two and a half miles northwest of the town of Hancock, in the county named, stood an oak tree of medium size, under which, during a thunder storm, a sheep had taken shelter from the rain. On a limb or branch of the tree sat a robin, directly over the sheep; a flash of lightning struck the tree, the robbin and the sheep; killing both of the latter. We saw the sheep lying under the tree and went to see if it had been killed. When we ar rived, we found the sheep dead, lying upfalling of the body of the robin upon the body of the sheep that caused the impression, as the figure or picture thus sidewise on the sheep as we found it, but it was a perfect picture of the robin while elicited a good deal of controversy among a small circle of educated gentlemen in the immediate vicinity, and the only configure of the robin down upon the body of the sheep, the sheep having fallen (if it as it was) upon the inside of the skin and upon the flesh of the sheep, I am not able

to prove, but that has always been my

Hans Andersen at a Child's Party. In the course of a letter from Italy to Brewster gives the following interesting anecdote of Hans Christian Andersen: * * " A charming story apropos of Hans Christian Andersen. When he visstudy; he was a recognized authority and Palazza Barberini. Andersen was asked what kind of entertainment would please him best. He replied: 'A children's parwish any of you would turn to a letter of host and hostess were assembled together. in an aviary of pretty little birds, but he read, when he was at Oxford, but sixteen rested them deeply in a long strain of deattentively, sometimes looking very said screaming with delight. After a while

the doors were thrown open, and Mr. per of Hamelin. "The children were wild with fan, and they and Andersen pursued the paper in

swered Browning. "They would at least understand some

thing about what they are enjoying, urgod "So the children were summoned, and Robert Browning read them his own ooem, 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin,' with great success. It must have been a deightful scene-a crowd of pretty, wellteach some of you "How to Observe," and dressed, intelligent children listening to Hans Andersen and Browning recite their own famous creations, and romping with the sculptor Story-something for them

to remember in after years." A Remarkable Animal.

ONE of the most remarkable animals of Milton and Theodore Hook and Thomas known as the Notoma Occidentalis, and THE singular fact is related of Mr. Hood step out from the side of your room, called in Oregon the wood rat. A full Willitts, who was recently murdered in at your will, sit down at your fire, and grown rat is often nine inches in length, "O-ah," responded Daniel, with a Detroit, that, on the day on which he was talk with you for an hour. I have no from tip of nose to base of tail, white the Its hair is soft, grey on the back and white ish on the belly, ears short but broad, and round tail very bushy at the tip. It is the worst thief in the animal creation, no. excepting man, for it always steals and does steals is valuable or not. Many strange stories are told concerning its stealing nails, candles, etc., and bringing back in operations often have the appearance more of having been the result of a desire to be employed than anything else. On one oche had standing in his office in Clear Creek firm volunteered to remark that he "did up on the floor in three piles, each size by night brought in heaps of manure from stay all night. The prompt response of bed he placed his false teeth on the Buafter deducting the value of what he con- see if all was right in the store, and boarding in several places, they were value, to the wealth of the community, tege busy scissoring labels, "What The rat had started to carry off the potato, during his or her lifetime. "If it is true," are you doing?" said he; "I did not tell but finding the teeth took them and left

MIND YOUR LIGHT.-The Albany